

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Oct. 18-22 Conferences
Oct. 18-22 Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 29 Bowling Field Trip
Nov. 11-12 Outdoor Education Field Trip

Dear Families,

It's conference week! The conference schedule is posted on the fifth grade wiki (www.holmes5thgrade.wikispaces.com). If you happen to be running late or need to cancel please call the office.

Midterm progress reports were mailed out last week **for students who are not meeting standards**. If you receive a progress report, please sign and return it to your child's teacher. These will be discussed further at conferences.

Our Outdoor Education field trip is coming up on November 11-12. The cost of the trip is \$90. Permission slips were distributed last Friday and the slips, along with the payment, are due by Monday, November 1. We need at least 5 men and 5 women to chaperone this overnight trip. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you can volunteer.

Bowling field trip permission slips were also distributed last week. Please return the slip, along with \$13 (in cash) to your child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, October 26.

SPECIALS

Music

Last week we worked on a recorder part to go along with the song "Wake me up when September ends". The recorder music and audio is on the music website. Go to <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/rec> and download the "Wake me up" power point presentation. Then view it as a slide show so you can click on the link to hear the audio clip while reading the music.

Chorus

Each member needs to fill out the online survey, telling me if you are available or not for our two concerts (October 30th and November 13th). Please go to <http://spreadsheets.google.com/a/op97.org/viewform?formkey=dEd2ZzM1cUthdTh2cTByQnZWbmlTbEE6MQ> to fill out the survey. If you do not have access to the internet please send a note to Mrs. Karia confirming your availability.

Spanish

Students acted out and recorded their current story *Montaña Hamburguesa* last week. This week, they will have a written and listening quiz on the story and then get to watch each group's performance of the story!

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Reading/Literature

Our focus this week is on main ideas and details. We will read Buffalo Hunt in class on Monday, and students will begin to find details they can use to support their extended response question for this week. We will focus on how to write a strong extended response with an emphasis on showing how our connections/interpretations help us understand the text in a deeper way. Ms. Linss will give a book talk about the Reading Olympics books on Tuesday.

Math

Graded Unit 2 math tests will be returned to your child by Friday. Please review the test with you child and if a parent signature has been requested, please sign and return the test to school with your child. This week, we will be working on estimation and probability and we will have a short quiz at the end of the week. Next week, we begin our study of fractions. We will focus on comparing fractions and finding equivalent fractions.

Science

As we begin to wrap up our unit on pollution, the students will be assigned an individual pollution project to be completed outside of class. They will be able to choose between three different options. The final project will be due Thursday, October 28th. In school, the students will be working in groups to create pollution awareness posters and presenting them to the class.

Social Studies

Students are making excellent progress with the explorer research papers. We have spent a total of seven days working either on research in the library or the writing process in class. **A first draft of the paper is due no later than Tuesday, October 26.** A typed paper is not required. We will now move to other projects in class, but I will continue to check student progress. Most students will need to work on the first draft outside of class and may take home their research folders. These folders include research collected to date, a rubric for the final paper, and a detailed explanation of expectations for the paper. Please be sure these folders are not lost since they contain quite a bit of hard work.

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